



Carrollton Presbyterian Church
A Heart In The City

Worship for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

11:00 a.m.



*The way to Abetifi (Ghana)
2006, digital photo,
Rev. Leigh Bonner*

Centering Moment

Maybe it feels like a tall order right now, to “not let your heart be troubled.” To trust that you do in fact know the way — the quiet, unglamorous, risky, but ultimately life-giving way of Jesus. But you do. Like Thomas, like Philip, like Peter, like the others, you know Jesus. You know his life. You know his love. You know his death. You know his resurrection. You know what it is to hunger for him, to seek him, to listen for him, to hope in him. You know the way.

No, the way isn't what we thought it was going to be. The way is demanding. The way is precarious. The way takes time. But the invitation of this Gospel is still an invitation to confidence. Not because we're experts at finding God, but because God has always and already found us. With every unknowing we embrace, God finds us one more time.

-Debie Thomas from the *Journey with Jesus* blog

Bulletin indications:

* indicates standing in body or rising in spirit as able.

Bold text indicates words spoken by the whole congregation.

Preparing to Worship God

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude Let Us Break Bread Together Mark Hayes

Gathering Around God's Word

*Call to Worship

Gather us, O God

There is room for us all.

Dwell with us, O God.

Show us the way.

Guide us, O God.

**We give thanks and praise for Christ
as our way, truth and life.**

*Hymn 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure TOULON
Redeemer Art

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Guiding Christ, you are our way,
our truth, and our life.**

Yet we insist on our own way.

We believe we don't really need you.

**We believe we can be smarter,
stronger, more independent.**

**We believe we can compartmentalize
our faith from our daily life and actions.**

Forgive our arrogance.

**Teach us to merge our whole life
with your abundant life,
and to be guided by you
all the way home.**

Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

Just as we have been forgiven in Christ, let us forgive and be at peace with one another, saying, "The peace of our Lord be with you!"

And also with you!

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia! (sung twice)*

Listening for God’s Word

Time with Children

All children are invited to come forward for a time with Pastor Leigh.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

For the word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

The Prayer
with Lead Us, Lord

Carole Sager and
David Foster

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

For the word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Leigh Bonner

*Hymn 311

Here, O Lord,
Your Servants Gather

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Responding to God’s Word

***Affirmation of Faith** (from The Confession of Belhar)

We confess the following evangelical truths:

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God’s revelation.

The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Nearer, My God to Thee

S.F. Adams

You are invited to bring your offering to the plate on the Communion Table.

*Doxology

Hymn 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who sing together of your great love:

Hymn 552 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

...we may see the presence of Christ and proclaim that great mystery of faith:

Hymn 553 *Christ Has Died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again. (2x)*

[The prayer continues.] ...Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

You are invited to come down one of the center aisles to receive the elements and return to your seat by the side aisles. If you need gluten-free bread and a protected cup, there is a station in the middle for you to receive the elements. We use grape juice rather than wine.

Music During Communion

Prayer After Communion

Following God Into The World

***Hymn 625**

O Lord My God
How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT
THOU ART

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

O, Worship The King!

William Gardiner

You are invited to remain seated quietly for the postlude so those worshipping online can hear the music.

Serving in Worship

Liturgist

Mary Anne Taylor

Soloist(s)

Mimi Gentry and Ben Studdard

Acolytes

Elliott & Everett Snyder

Livestream

Keith & Robin Ellison

Greg & Sue Smith

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Our Session

+Elder on Call

Class of 2026:

Keith Ellison

Communications, Worship

Mike Limerick

Buildings & Grounds

Amy Richardson

Fellowship

Class of 2027:

+Dale Howard

Congregational Care

Greg Smith

Communications, Buildings & Grounds

Dena Wilson

Worship, Faith Formation

Class of 2028:

Mike Handyside

Stewardship & Finance, Outreach,

Buildings & Grounds

Elizabeth Kramer

Faith Formation

Ben Studdard

Faith Formation

Announcements

Tell Us Something Good! For **May 3rd**, write your thoughts on a blossom and tape it onto the sanctuary tree. In what ways is Jesus leading us and strengthening the faith of our church family?

The Book Club: Tuesday, May 12, 10:30 A.M., Church Parlor

Please note that the accessible entrance door will be unlocked. Contact Pat Sheffield if you have any questions.

This Week's Events

Sunday, May 3 (today)

- 10:00 A.M. Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 A.M. Worship @ the Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 5

- 12:00 P.M. Al-Anon @ The Little White House
- 5:15 P.M. Bible Study @ Office Conference Room

Wednesday, May 6

- 9:00 A.M. Devotional/Prayer Group @ Office Sunroom
 - 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
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Our Staff

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